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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER  |                                 |                          | Case No. 10022-415     |
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| Inventor(s)<br>WINTER, et al.   |                                 |                          |                        |
| Title of Invention<br>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING, COORDINATING AND MANAGING A COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE |                                 |                          |                        |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Response to Office Action; Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate); Notice of Appeal (in duplicate); and Return Postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a two (2) month extension of time.

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|  |  | x \$9=          |           | x \$18=                 |           |
|  |  | x 43=           |           | x \$86=                 |           |
|  |  | +\$145=         |           | +\$290=                 |           |
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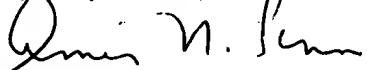
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